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THE Lord Chancellor's SPEECH To both Houses of PARLIAMENT.

My Lords, and you the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of the House of Commons,

THat Royal Care which His Majesty hath taken for the General Quiet and Satisfaction of all His Subjects, is now more Evident by these New and fresh Instances of it which I have in Command to open to You.

His Majesty hath Consider'd with Himself, That 'tis not Enough that your Religion and Liberty is secure during His own Reign, but He thinks He ows it to his People to do all that in Him Lies, that these Blessings may be transmitted to your Posterity, and so well secur'd to them, that no Succession in after Ages may be able to work the Least Alteration.

And therefore His Majesty, who hath often said in this Place, That he is ready to consent to any Laws of this Kind, so as the same Extend not to alter the Descent of the Crown in the Right Line, nor to Defeat the Succession, hath now Commanded this to be further Explain'd.

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His Majesties
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Together with the
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To both Houses of
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By His Majesties special Command.

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And to the End it may never be in the Power of any Papiſt, if the Crown Deſcend upon him, to make any Change either in Church or State, I am Commanded to tell you, That His Majeſty is willing that Proviſion may be made, Firſt to Diſtinguiſh a Popiſh from a Proteſtant Succeſſor, Then ſo to Limit and to Circumſcribe the Authority of a Popiſh Succeſſor in theſe Caſes following, that he may be diſabled to do any Harm.

Firſt in Reference to the Church, His Majeſty is content that Care be taken that all Eccleſiaſtical and Spiritual Benefices and Promotions in the Gift of the Crown, may be Conferr'd in ſuch a Manner, that we may be ſure the Incumbents ſhall always be of the moſt Pious and Learned Proteſtants; And that no Popiſh Succeſſor, while he continues ſo, may have any power to Controll ſuch Preſentments.

In Reference to the State and Civil part of the Government, As it is already Provided that no Papiſt can Sit in either Houſe of Parliament, So the King is pleaſed that it be provided too, that there may never want a Parliament when the King ſhall happen to Die, but that the Parliament then in being may Continue Indiſſoluble for a Competent Time, Or if there be no Parliament in being, then the Laſt Parliament which was in being before that time may Re-aſſemble and Sit a Competent Time without any new Summons or Elections.

And as no Papiſt can by Law hold any Place of Truſt, ſo the King is content that it may be further Provided that no Lords or others of the Privy-Council, No Judges of the Common-Law, or in Chancery, ſhall at any time during the Raign of any Popiſh Succeſſor be put in or diſplaced but by the Authority of Parliament. And care alſo be taken that none but ſincere Proteſtants may be Juſtices of Peace.

In Reference to the Military Part, The King is willing that no Lord Lieutenant, or Deputy Lieutenant, nor no Officer in the Navy during the Raign of any Popiſh Succeſſor be

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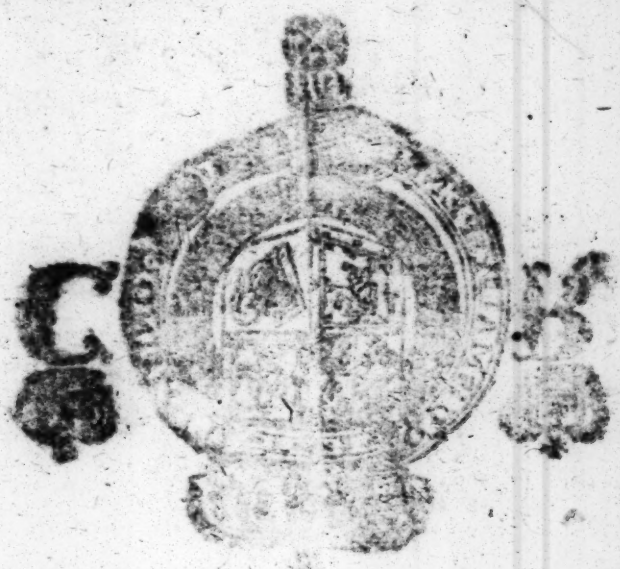
My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Season of the Year advancing so fast, I thought it necessary to put you in mind of Three Particulars:

1. Prosecution of the Plot.
2. Disbanding the Army.
3. Providing a Fleet for Our common Security.

And to shew you that whilst you are doing your



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put in or remov'd but either by Authority of Parliament, or of ſuch Perſons as the Parliament ſhall entruſt with ſuch Authority.

'Tis hard to invent another reſtraint to be put upon a Popiſh Succeſsor, Conſidering how much the Revenue of the Succeſſor will depend upon conſent of Parliament, and how Impoſſible it is to raiſe Money without ſuch conſent. But yet if any thing elſe can Occur to the Wiſdom of the Parliament, which may further Secure Religion and Liberty againſt a Popiſh Succeſsor, without Defeating the Right of Succeſſion it ſelf, His Majeſty will moſt readily conſent to it.

Thus Watchful is the King for all your Safeties, and if He could think of any thing elſe that you do either Want or Wiſh to make you Happy, He would make it His buſineſs to Effect it for you.

God Almighty Long Continue this Bleſſed Union between the King and his Parliament and People.

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